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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, EAID, ID
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ABSTENTION ON IFI LOAN TO INDONESIA

1. THE LATEST EA/RA WEEKLY STATUS REPORT (STATE 010774) NOTES THAT THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO ABSTAIN ON AN UPCOMING IFI LOAN TO INDONESIA FOR ADDITIONAL POWER GENERATING CAPACITY AND TRANSMISSION LINES IN CENTRAL JAVA. THIS IS APPARENTLY SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 20. THIS CONCERNS ME IN TWO RESPECTS. FIRST, THE STATUS REPORT INDICATES THAT THERE IS FEELING IN SOME AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE ARE FREE TO SOCK IT TO THE INDONESIANS NOW THAT THEY HAVE RELEASED 10,000 DETAINEES. I SEE OUR MAJOR OBJECTIVE AS ONE OF CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF FURTHER RELEASES AND DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PENALIZING THE INDONESIANS THROUGH AN IFI ABSTENTION OR BY OTHER MEANS WILL SERVE THIS GOAL.

2. SECONDLY, I AM CONCERNED THAT ABSTENTION (IF THIS IS INDEED THE DECISION OF THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE) FOLLOWING CLOSELY AFTER PATT DERIAN'S VISIT WOULD BE VIEWED AS A PUNITIVE ACTION RELATED TO THAT VISIT. AS YOU KNOW, THE INDONESIANS AGREED TO ALL OF OUR REQUESTS REGARDING PATT'S
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SCHEDULE INCLUDING VISITS TO SALEMBA PRISON AND TALKS WITH THE DETAINEES.
I ALSO EXPENDED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MY OWN PERSONAL INFLUENCE IN OBTAINING THE APPOINTMENT WITH SUHARTO. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES OR FACILITATE GOI COOPERATION IN FUTURE VISITS IF THEY CONCLUDE THAT THEIR COOPERATION WITH US HAS NEGATIVE RESULTS.

3. IF YOU SHARE MY CONCERN, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL
IF YOU WOULD TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS AS IT GOES
BEFORE THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE. I AM ALSO CALLING TO
PATT DERIAN'S ATTENTION IN BANGKOK THE POSSIBLE LINKAGE OF
OUR ABSTENTION WITH HER VISIT AND SUGGESTING THAT SHE MAY WISH
TO WEIGH IN ALSO.
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